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November 25; 1985

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Livingston; NJ 07039-1673 Re: American Hoechst

Re: Notification of Meeting on December 4, 1985 for Potentially Responsible Parties at the Davis Liquid Waste Site, Smithfield, Rhode Island,

Dear Ms. Borland:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has notified you of liability which your company or organization may have incurred in connection with the Davis Liquid Waste Site in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

This letter will serve to inform that EPA will host a meeting on December 4, 1985, of those whom it presently considers to be potentially responsible parties. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the JFK Federal Building, Boston, Massachusetts in Room 1900A.

EPA will discuss at this meeting its plans for off-site treatment or disposal of drums which EPA staged on the Site in the course of a removal action this last summer. EPA plans to have approximately 650 drums removed from the Site, including, among others (approximately) 100 drums in overpack and 250 crushed drums containing waste. product: The categories of hazardous substances found in samples taken from the drums on the Site, include PCB contaminants, cyanides, organic compounds, corrosive compounds, reactive compounds, and others. EPA plans to remove the drums, and have them treated or disposed of, at the earliest possible date so that the drums do not remain on the Site over the winter. At the meeting, EPA

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will provide the PRPs with more information about the schedule for, and requirements of, the planned off-site treatment and disposal and will discuss having the PRPs conduct the off-site treatment or disposal, if appropriate.

EPA will discuss the history and the current technical status of the Site, as well as the schedule for remedial action at the Site. EPA strongly encourages your participation in this meeting and in any negotiations which may follow.

The meeting will not be forum for the discussion of individual cases. The purpose of this meeting is limited to providing responsible parties with technical and legal information so as to facilitate orderly negotiations with EPA concerning private participation in the drum removal, as well as participation in other Site response actions.

please note that no one shall be admitted into the meeting unless he or she is a potentially responsible party or an official representative of a potentially responsible party. Enclosed please find a list of persons who have already received letters from EPA notifying them of potential liability under CERCLA for the Davis Liquid Waste Site.

If you have any legal questions about this letter, please contact Jamie W. Katz, Office of Regional Counsel, at (617)223-0400. Technical questions should be directed to John W. Gallagher, Waste Management Division, at (617)223-1966.

Sincerely,

Merrill S. Hohman; Director Waste Management Division

Enclosure

cc: John Gallagher

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